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VIRGINIA'S WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION UP 3 PERCENT FROM MAY

Virginia's Winter Wheat crop for 2008 is expected to total nearly 16.5 million bushels, up 3 percent from the May forecast (16.0 million bushels), according to the USDA/NASS Virginia Field Office. If realized, producers will produce 26 percent more than last year's 13.1 million bushels. Producers in the Commonwealth expect to harvest 250,000 acres of wheat, yielding an average 66 bushels per acre. In general, small grains are reported to be in good to excellent condition.

U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN SLIGHTLY FROM MAY

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.82 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast and 20 percent above 2007. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield are forecast at 45.3 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from last month but 3.1 bushels more than last year. Grain area totals 40.2 million acres, unchanged from May 1.

Hard Red production is up 2 percent from a month ago to 1.03 billion bushels. Soft Red is up 4 percent from last month and now totals 572 million bushels. White production totals 216 million bushels, up slightly from last month. Of the White production total, 23.2 million bushels are Hard White and 193 million bushels are Soft White.

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